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SUBJECT: TRAIN-PODGORNY MEETING

1. SUMMARY: DURING 90-MINUTE CONVERSATION, PODGORNY AND TRAIN DISCUSSED RESULTS OF AND PROSPECTS FOR U.S.-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN UP-BEAT ATMOSPHERE. PODGORNY SHOWED SOME SENSITIVITY TO STATEMENTS MADE DURING CAMPAIGN ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, BUT EXPRESSED SOVIET READINESS TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH NEXT U.S. ADMINISTRATION. TRAIN POINTED OUT THAT ISSUES RAISED IN CAMPAIGN REFLECT CONCERN OF U.S. PUBLIC OVER SOME ASPECTS OF U.S.-USSR RELATIONSHIP, AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT COOPERATIVE EFFORTS, WHICH AMERICAN PUBLIC SUPPORTS, CANNOT BE ISOLATED FROM TOTALITY OF RELATIONSHIP. PODGORNY EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT ALL PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED IF BOTH SIDES APPROACHED THEM WITH CORRECT ATTITUDE AND REITERATED COMMITMENT OF SOVIET LEADERSHIP TO WORK FOR IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. TRAIN ASKED SPECIFICALLY FOR SOVIET COOPERATION IN LIMITING USE OF FLUOROCARBONS, AND PODGORNY PROMISED SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF OUR REQUEST. PODGORNY APPEARED RESTED AND IN GOOD HEALTH. END SUMMARY.

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2. CHAIRMAN OF PRESIDIUM OF SUPREME SOVIET PODGORNY RECEIVED

EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN SHORTLY AFTER NOON NOVEMBER 19 FOR CONVERSATION WHICH LASTED SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 90 MINUTES. DR. ISRAEL OF GIDROMENT, VYSOTIN OF SUPREME SOVIET STAFF AND INTERPRETER WERE PRESENT FROM SOVIET SIDE, WHILE CHARGE ACCOMPANIED MR. TRAIN.

3. PODGORNYY OPENED CONVERSATION WITH COMMENT THAT BOTH HE AND TRAIN WERE TWO YEARS OLDER THAN THEY WERE WHEN THEY LAST MET, AND ADDED JOCUAR REMARK THAT PEOPLE ARE WORKING TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT BUT THAT NO ONE DOES ANYTHING TO PREVENT OLD AGE. YOUNG PEOPLE, HE SAID, ALWAYS WISH TO BE OLDER, BUT FOR OLDER ONES EACH YEAR JUST BRINGS THE END NEARER. IN ANY EVENT, HE WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE MR. TRAIN AGAIN AND WAS CONFIDENT THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE THEIR LAST MEETING.

4. TURNING TO THE WORK OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, PODGORNYY NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT A NEW PLAN OF COOPERATION HAD BEEN AGREED WHICH WOULD COVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. HE RECALLED MEETING MR. TRAIN AFTER THE FIRST JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS DEVOTED LARGELY TO ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS. SINCE THEN MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE, AND HE WAS INTERESTED TO HEAR MR. TRAIN'S ASSESSMENT OF THE RESULTS OF COOPERATION UNDER THE AGREEMENT SO FAR AND OF THE PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE JOINT WORK.

5. TRAIN RESPONDED THAT, IN REGARD TO THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE 1972 AGREEMENT STIPULATED THAT IT WOULD REMAIN AUTOMATICALLY IN EFFECT UNLESS ONE OF THE PARTIES NOTIFIES THE OTHER TO THE CONTRARY. ALTHOUGH THE AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY EXTENDED, WE ARE OPERATING UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT IT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT. TRAIN POINTED OUT THAT HE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER HE WOULD COME TO THE USSR AGAIN IN HIS PRESENT CAPACITY, SINCE THIS WILL BE DECIDED BY PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER. AS FOR THE AGREEMENT, ON THE WHOLE IT IS GOING WELL, ALTHOUGH SOME ASPECTS OF IT HAVE BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN OTHERS. TRAIN NOTED THAT THE AGREEMENT COVERS ELEVEN MAJOR AREAS OF ACTIVITY, 40 MAJOR PROJECTS AND 150 DISTINCT ACTIVITIES. DURING THE PAST YEAR, THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF 700 SPECIALISTS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. TRAIN ADDED THAT AN IMPORTANT STEP HAD BEEN TAKEN THAT DAY WITH THE SIGNING OF A CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION

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OF MIGRATORY BIRDS. IT APPLIES PARTICULARLY TO BIRDS MIGRATING THROUGH THE BERING SEA AREA, SINCE THERE IS A MAJOR FLYWAY BETWEEN SIBERIA ON THE ONE HAND AND ALASKA AND THE U.S. WEST COAST ON THE OTHER.

6. PODGORNYY REMARKED THAT, YES, MANY BIRDS NEST IN THE USSR, GROW UP AND THEN FLY AWAY TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE PEOPLE SHOOT THEM. IT IS IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE MORE PROTECTION FOR

THEM. THE SOVIETS HAVE ALSO SIGNED A DOCUMENT WITH THE JAPANESE ON THIS SUBJECT AND THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN SPECIES, AN IMPORTANCE THE JAPANESE ALSO RECOGNIZE. TRAIN REMARKED THAT THE JAPANESE HAD BECOME VERY INTERESTED IN PROTECTION, BUT UNFORTUNATELY ONLY AFTER MOST BIRDS HAD DISAPPEARED FROM THE JAPANESE ISLANDS.

7. AT THIS POINT PODGORNYY OFFERED TRAIN A CIGARETTE, AND WHEN THE LATTER DECLINED IT, PODGORNYY SAID THAT HE HAD NOTICED THAT TRAIN ALSO DID NOT SMOKE IN THEIR PREVIOUS MEETINGS. TRAIN SAID THAT HE HAD NOT SMOKED FOR 20 YEARS. AS HE LIT HIS CIGARETTE, PODGORNYY AGREED THAT IT IS A "GOOD HABIT NOT TO SMOKE," AND OBSERVED THAT FEW MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP SMOKE ANY MORE. TRAIN NOTED THAT MOST OF OUR MEDICAL PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ILLNESSES ARISE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS: SMOKING, X-RAYS, EVEN ACCIDENTS. SINCE NINETY PERCENT OF HUMAN ILLNESSES COME FROM ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS SUCH AS IMPURITIES IN THE AIR AND WATER, PREVENTIVE MEDICINE IS IMPORTANT AND THIS MEANS CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT. THUS, WHILE WE CANNOT PREVENT PEOPLE FROM GROWING OLDER WE CAN KEEP THEM LIVING LONGER.

8. PODGORNYY AGREED WITH THESE OBSERVATIONS AND SAID THAT INDEED HE CONSIDERED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FACING US (LITERALLY THE "QUESTION OF QUESTIONS"). THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TASK NOT ONLY WITHIN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES BUT ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE RECALLED VISITING PLACES WHERE PEOPLE LIVED TO 120 AND BEYOND AND NOTICED THAT THIS WAS ALWAYS IN RURAL, OFTEN MOUNTAINOUS, AREAS WHERE THE AIR AND WATER WERE PURE AND THE PEOPLE GOT PLENTY OF EXERCISE. THIS IS NOT THE CASE IN CITIES WHERE POLLUTION, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AND LABOR-SAVING DEVICES CAUSE TOH A DIRTIER ENVIRONMENT AND LESS PHYSICAL

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EXERCISE. AS FOR SMOKING, HE AGREED THAT MANY DOCTORS CONSIDER IT HARMFUL. HOWEVER, HE HAS FELT NO PERSONAL HARM TO HIMSELF- IF HE DOES, OR IF DOCTORS TELL HIM TO STOP, HE WILL STOP IMMEDIATELY.

9. TURNING TO TRAIN'S FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT OF THE WORK UNDER THE AGREEMENT, PODGORNYY SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT THE AGREEMENT IS WORKING WELL AND THAT TRAIN IS PLEASED WITH THE WORK OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS. HE WAS ALSO HAPPY THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HAD GONE WELL AND HE LOOKED FORWARD TO OBSERVING COOPERATION IN THIS AREA IN THE FUTURE. HIS ONLY REGRET WAS THAT THERE COULD BE A CHANGE IN THE EPA LEADERSHIP IN THE FUTURE. SO FAR AS THE SOVIETS ARE CONCERNED, THEY WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER THAT HE REAPPOINT MR. TRAIN. BUT THIS, OF COURSE, IS A U.S. INTERNAL MATTER AND THE

SOVIETS CANNOT INTERFERE. HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT A PERSON WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE TASK.

10. PODGORNYY THEN REMARKED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES HAVE SLOWED DOWN RECENTLY. THE U.S. ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS ONE OF THE REASONS. INDEED, IT HAS BEEN A STORMY (BURNING) TIME. THE SOVIET LEADERS FOLLOWED THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE CANDIDATES ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, AND NOTED THAT MANY BAD THINGS AS WELL AS MANY GOOD THINGS WERE SAID. THE IMPORTANT THING, OF COURSE, IS WHAT THE NEW PRESIDENT WILL DO WHEN HE ENTERS OFFICE. STILL, MANY QUESTIONS WERE RAISED. THE SOVIETS NOTED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT CARTER HAD MUCH TO SAY ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THEY HAVE CONCLUDED FROM THIS THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT SINCE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS MUST RECEIVE CLOSE ATTENTION REGARDLESS OF PARTY OR ADMINISTRATION. SO FAR AS THE SOVIET UNION IS CONCERNED, THE ENVIRONMENT WILL BE A PRIORITY ITEM NO MATTER WHO LEADS THE PARTY HERE.

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11. PODGORNYY CONTINUED THAT THE SUPREME SOVIET DEALS VERY CONCRETELY WITH THESE ISSUES AND SPENDS MUCH TIME ON THEM, BOTH

IN THE DOMESTIC AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT. IT HAS A STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, APPROVES NEW LEGISLATION AND INITIATES PROPOSALS. FUTURE U.S.-SOVIET COOPERATION IN THIS AREA WILL NOT ONLY BENEFIT THE TWO COUNTRIES BUT WILL ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO GREAT EFFORTS. THIS HAS, IN FACT, ALREADY BEGUN TO HAPPEN, FOR EXAMPLE IN EFFORTS TOWARD INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN REGARD TO THE BLACK AND BALTIC SEAS. CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT IS OF COURSE NOT AN EASY TASK AND IT IS EXPENSIVE, BUT ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE. NOT A SINGLE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY IN THE USSR CAN GO ABOUT ITS BUSINESS WITHOUT TAKING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS INTO ACCOUNT.

12. TRAIN REMARKED THAT HE WAS NOT SURPRISED THAT THE SOVIET LEADERS HAD CLOSELY FOLLOWED THE U.S. ELECTION AND THE STATEMENTS MADE DURING THE CAMPAIGN. IN HIS OPINION, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL BE FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARD ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS. IT, LIKE OTHERS, MUST OF COURSE FIND A BALANCE AMONG THE DEMANDS OF ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS. HE DID NOT OF COURSE KNOW CARTER'S MIND ON THE FINAL DECISIONS, BUT ACTION IN THE AREA IS MOST CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPORTANT.

13. AS FOR THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, TRAIN POINTED OUT THAT MANY STATEMENTS MADE AT THAT TIME COULD BE ASCRIBED TO CAMPAIGN RHETORIC. HOWEVER, SINCE THE CANDIDATES WERE SEEKING VOTES, THE ISSUES OF THE CAMPAIGN DO REFLECT PUBLIC OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE HAS INDEED BEEN CONCERN AND UNCERTAINTY IN THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE DETENTE RELATIONSHIP. THE U.S. PUBLIC FAVORS THE SORT OF COOPERATION WHICH IS EMBODIED IN OUR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, BUT IT IS TROUBLED BY WHAT SEEMS TO BE GROWING U.S.-SOVIET FRICTION IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD. THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS A CASE IN POINT. FOR THIS REASON, IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT WHILE CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS ARE TO A DEGREE RHETORIC, THEY DO REFLECT REAL CONCERNS.

14. TRAIN ALSO REMARKED THAT WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE THE SOVIETS ADVICE ON HOW THEY ORGANIZE THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, HE WOULD LIKE TO NOTED THAT IN THE U.S. WE HAVE FOUND IT MOST USEFULL TO HAVE ONE CENTRAL POINT FOR SETTING AND ENFORCING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS. PODGORNYY RESPONDED THAT THE SOVIETS IN FACT HAVE A UNIFIED CENTER WHICH DEALS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. IT IS THE ONE TRAIN DEALS WITH IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. THIS CENTER MAINTAINS SUBSTANTIAL TIES WITH OTHER BODIES CONNECTED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WITH ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

15. TURNING TO TRAIN'S REMAKRS ON ELECTION RHETORIC, PODGORNYY

SIAD THAT IT IS OF COURSE NO SECRET THAT WHEN A CANDIDATE RUNS FOR OFFICE THING ARE SAID WHICH CANNOT ALWAYS BE IMPLEMENTED. WINNERS ALWAYS BECOME MORE REALISTIC WHEN THEY HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OFFICE. REGARDING DETENTE, THIS IS THE PRIMARY QUESTION (LIT. QUESTION OF QUESTIONS). THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY IN FAVOR OF IT, THAT IS FOR THE RELAXATION OF TENSION AND FOR COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, IN REGARD TO EAST-WEST ISSUES THE USSR AND THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE DIFFERENT APPROACHES SINCE OUR SYSTEMS ARE DIFFERENT. THE SOVIET UNION WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST NATIONAL LIBERATIONS MOVEMENTS AND TO GIVE ECONOMIC AID TO THEM. THE UNITED STATES HAS A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW. BUT THIS SHOULD NOT AFFECT OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS, SINCE WE CAN AGREE ON

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EFFORTS TO CREATE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, EVEN THOUGH WE MAY TAKE CONTRARY VIEWS IN REGARD TO MISSILES AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

16. NEVERTHELESS, THE SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS BETWEEN US WHICH CANNOT BE SETTLED, PODGORNYY CONTINUED. IN NEGOTIATIONS SUCH AS SALT, CAMPAIGN RHETORIC, SUCH AS DEALING FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH, IS NOT THE LANGUAGE TO USE WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOVIETS UNDERSTAND THE GIGANTIC ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE U.S. MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE SOVIETS DO NOT HAVE EVERYTHING NOW, THEY WILL HAVE IT EVENTUALLY. WE SHOULD THEREFORE LOOK FOR WAYS AND MEANS OF SOLVING ALL MATTERS UNDER DISPUTE. IF MATTERS ARE DEALT WITH IN THIS WAY, THE U.S. WILL FIND THE USSR A DEPENDABLE PARTNER. BUT IF WE TALK ABOUT WHO IS STRONGEST AND THE NECSSITY OF BEING STRONGEST, THIS MAY HAVE AN EFFECT ON VOTERS BUT NOT HELP US SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS. POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESENT THE SITUATION AS IT IS AND NOT FROM A PROPAGANDISTIC POINT OF VIEW. THE SOVIET UNION, HE CONCLUDED, IS IN FACT NOT THREATENING THE WORLD BUT WANTS TO RELAX TENSIONS.

17. TRAIN AGREED THAT A DISCUSSION OF WHO IS STRONGER IS ELECTION RHETORIC, AND SAID THAT HE COULD UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH STATEMENTS ARE OF LIMITED USE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERE. HOWEVER, REVERTING TO WHAT PODGORNYY SAID AT THE OUTSET, THE DETERMINING FACTOR IS ACTION NOT RHETORIC. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR EFFORTS WILL BE DETERMINED BY FACTS, NOT BY RHETORIC. POINTING OUT THAT HE IS NOT A POLITICIAN, DIPLOMAT OR SECURITY EXPERT, HE ADDED THAT IT SEEMED TO HIM COMMON SENSE THAT THE SUPPORT HE WANTS TO SEE THE U.S. PUBLIC, CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION GIVE TO COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WITH THE USSR IS GOING TO BE DEPENDENT TO SOME DEGREE ON HOW THE PUBLIC PERCEIVES THE TOTALITY OF OUR RELATIONS. WE CANNOT SIMPLY ISOLATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FROM OTHER TRENDS. BUT HE IS OPTIMISTIC REGARDING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS. THERE HAS BEEN AN

INCREASING OPPORTUNITY THROUGH THE US-USSR PARTNERSHIP TO INFLUENCE ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS OVER THE WHOLE GLOBE. COUNTERING POLLUTION OF THE WORLD OCEAN AND THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE ARE CASES IN POINT.

18. TRAIN THEN SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL PODGORNÝ'S ATTENTION TO ONE SPECIFIC PROBLEM REGARDING THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE. CONFIDENTIAL

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IT REGARDS THE USE OF FLUOROCARBONS WHICH ARE USED PRIMARILY AS PROPELLANTS AND REFRIGERANTS. HE EXPLAINED BRIEFLY THE EFFECT OF FLUROCARBONS ON THE OZONE LAYER AND SAID THAT THE U.S. HAS TAKEN A SET OF REGULATORY ACTS TO ELIMINATE ALL NON-ESSENTIAL USES OF FLUOROCARBONS, AND THAT WE ARE ASKING OTHER MAJOR USERS TO TAKE SIMILAR STEPS. WE ALSO NEED DATA REGARDING THE AMOUNT USED AND PRODUCED IN THE SOVIET UNION. THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT, AND CAN PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION IN ATTACKING A GLOBAL POLLUTION PROBLEM.

19. PODGORNÝ SAID THAT OUR REQUEST WOULD BE CONSIDERED WITH FULL ATTENTION AND THAT APPROPRIATE INFORMATION WOULD BE SUPPLIED. HE THANKED TRAIN FOR HIS VISIT AND FOR THE INTERESTING CONVERSATION, EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT WE WILL FIND A WAY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND HOPED THAT TRAIN WOULD CONTINUE IN CHARGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. HE ASKED THAT HIS REGARDS BE CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT FORD, WHOM HE UNFORTUNATELY HAD NEVER MET, AND SAID THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING THE NEW U.S. PRESIDENT AND HAVING A CHANCE TO DISCUSS AND SOLVE MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT. IN PARTING, HE STATED THAT BOTH OF US FAVOR PEACE, BLUE SKIES AND THE ABSNECE OF FEAR AND THAT ALL OF US MUST WORK FOR SUCCESS.

20. TRAIN THANKED PODGORNÝ FOR THE MEETING AND SAID THAT HE WELL UNDERSTOOD THE VALUE OF CONTINUITY IN PERSONAL RELATIONS. HE APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS TO WORK WITH DR. ISRAEL AND HIS COLLEAGUES AND HE BELIEVE THAT THIS CONTINUITY HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AGREEMENT, SINCE THEY KNOW, UNDERSTAND ANDHAVE CONFIDENCE IN EACH OTHER. IN CONCLUDING, HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION WILL GO ON TO BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS AND WILL MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO MANKIND. THE MEETING ENDED AT ABOUT 13:40 HOURS.

21. COMMENT: THIS REPORT WAS PREPARED AFTER MR. TRAIN'S DEPARTURE AND THEREFORE HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED BY HIM. PODGORNÝ WAS LIVELY, AND APPEARED WELL RESTED AND IN GOOD HEALTH. HE WAS WELL BRIEFED ON THE MAJOR POINTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT AND HIS INTEREST APPEARED GENUINE. HE SPOKE WITHOUT NOTES AND ENTERED INTO THE GIVE AND TAKE OF CONVERSATION WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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